

CHURCHES INVESTIGATED FOR VOTER GUIDES

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The IRS has been asked to investigate two large Baptist churches in Texas for their involvement in politics. Americans United for Separation of Church and State has been targeting churches as part of its election-year campaign, Project Fair Play. The first complaint came in April against a ministry of Second Baptist Church in Houston, which allegedly printed materials encouraging members to vote for particular candidates. The most recent complaint is against Second Baptist Church in Lake Jackson, which mailed more than 7,000 letters to other churches calling for the defeat of candidates, including President Clinton, who favor abortion rights (Baptists Today, August 12, 1996).